

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 330

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Simuel C. O'Briant, Jr.,  
of Kingston.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Simuel C. O'Briant, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Simuel "Sim" O'Briant was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. O'Briant served with acumen and alacrity as the owner of O'Briant TV Sales and Service for forty years, in which position he earned the respect of his customers and employees alike for his strong business ethics; and

WHEREAS, a veteran of the United States Army, Mr. O'Briant served in Europe in communications; and

WHEREAS, Sim O'Briant was a member of the Chamber of Commerce, and he received the Roane County Chamber Outstanding Businessman Award in 1974; and

WHEREAS, in retirement, Mr. O'Briant was honored by the City of Kingston for his many years of service and dedication to the community and by Roane County in recognition of his service to the county; and

WHEREAS, Mr. O'Briant was a graduate of Coyne Electronics of Chicago and was an enthusiastic volunteer with Habitat for Humanity; and

WHEREAS, Sim O'Briant was an active and devout member of the Kingston United Methodist Church, which he served faithfully for many years on the Board of Trustees and as Usher; and

WHEREAS, Mr. O'Briant was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Sim O'Briant enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife of fifty-eight years, Ann Crowder O'Briant, and was the proud father of Julie O'Briant Taylor and the late Michael O'Briant; and

WHEREAS, Mr. O'Briant is further survived by his grandchildren, Scott Taylor, Mitchell Taylor, Mary Katherine, Peyton O'Briant, and Collin O'Briant; sisters, Charlotte Lees and Mickey Seaman; several nieces and nephews; son-in-law, Richard Taylor; and daughter-in-law, Vanessa Hamby O'Briant; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his son, Mr. O'Briant was preceded in death by his parents, Simuel and Mary Muecke O'Briant; and

WHEREAS, Simuel O'Briant leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Simuel C. O'Briant, Jr., reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. O'Briant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.